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# ANNEXATION BUT MATTER OF TIME

Americans Must Control Peace of the Antilles.

A BOLD PREDICTION.

Senator Quarles, of Wisconsin, Talks of Our Relations.

AMERICA A WORLD POWER.

This Country the Balance in the Scale of Nations - The United States as China's Preserver-Russian

the Far

East.

"Before the assembling of the next Congress, the Cuban Convention will have incorporated in the Constitution the five provisions demanded by the United States, American troops will be withdrawn from the island and a government will have been established."
The speaker was Hon. J. V. Quarles,
United States Senator from Wisconsin, at the Jefferson last night. Senator and Mrs. Quarles arrived in Richmond about 9 oclock last night. They will remain in this city until Monday, when they will return to the national capital, en

will return to the national capital, en route home. This is Senator Quarles' first visit to Richmond, and the time will be spent in visiting the many points of interest in and about this city.

"The people of Cuba, I mean the more conservative and the representative class, are in favor of American control in the Island," hie said, "The present convention is dominated by the chieftain of the late insurrection, and while they will oppose the incorporation while they will oppose the incorporation of the provisions prescribed by this country, they will, however, not fail to see what is the best course for them to pursue. The demands of this country will, yoy may rest assured be com-plied with.

The representative citizens of Cuba favor annexation and so do the ma-jority of Americans, and it is bound to come. I regard it only as a matter of time. From the time of Thomas Jefferson down to the present it has been the aim of every administration to secure Cuba, and the annexation of the island is inevitable. It is, as I say, only a mat-

ter of time."

IN THE FAR EAST. In discussing the situation in the Far East Senator Quarles declared that Russia was there to stay, and once in control of Manchuria she would remain predominant. He believed, however, that Russian influence would prove of a pro gressive type and would result in the advancement of that territory. He did not doubt that Russia would maintain the "open door policy" and this would be satisfactory to the United States.

"Very few people have any concep-tion as to the greatness of our trade with China and the open door must be maintained. As for Russia, well, ever since the time of Peter the Great she has been widening her sphere of influence and will continue to do so. has never taken a step backward. The nations have halted Russia, but never have they been able to make her recede. in control of Manchuria, will

"As a world power the United States is growing and her influence is most now erful," said Senator Quarles. "She is the balance in the scale of nations. There is no need of an Anglo-Saxon alliance. Neither Britain nor America really want it. The United States can stand by her-self, and as a moral force will determine the course of nations. "Look at our stand in China. This country was the most lenient in the de-

mands made upon the Chinese, and has insisted that the demands of other na-tions shall be within reason. Had it not been for the United States the integrity of the Chinese Empire would not ha been preserved. The demands made the various nations, especially Germany amounted to a confiscation of territory China could never have borne the bur IN THE PHILIPPINES.

In speaking of the conditions existing in the Philippines Senator Quarles de-clared that the "insurrection had been "We are at present waging a warfere on bushwackers and marauding bands of robbers. These bands have ex-isted for centuries. The natives learned the trade from their conquerors, the Spaniards. The Spanish officer dared not venture outside his own lines without running great danger, and this is true of the American. The difference, how-ever, is the American soldier is following the outlaw from hiding place to hiding place and driving him from one refuge to another. The Spaniard did not dare to wage this warfare on the Filipino rob-ber, while the American does."

### CUBAN RELATIONS.

#### Committee Rejects Four Clauses of the Platt Amendment.

(By Associated Press.) HAVANA, March 22.—The Committee or Relations, of the Cuban Constitutional Convention, met to-day to consider the re-port drawn up by its secretary, Senor Juan Gualberto Gomez, on the Platt amendment. In substance the report re jects four clauses, the clauses dealing with coaling stations, foreign relations, the right to intervene to preserve peace and the entering into treatles covering the points in question. The other clauses are treated on the lines of the previous report, the sanitation of the Isle of Pines

being virtually agreed to.

Three of the five members of the committee objected to rejection in toto of the four clauses referred to, and claimed that some consideration should be given them. No vote was taken, but a majority was

against acceptance. The committee journed until Tuesday next.

The committee's action is taken as a forerunner of the final acceptance of the foreign acceptance of the seadment. Platt amendment.

Many of the delegates have talked to-

day with Senator Proctor, but he gave them no encouragement to believe that the next Congress would modify the amendment. On the contrary he told them that it was clearly for the interest of the Cubans to accept the amendment.

Naval Affairs. (By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—Com-

from duty at the Washington Navy Yard and ordered to take command of the training ship Dixie, relieving Commander, Belknap, who will be placed on waiting orders.

#### CZAR WELL PROTECTED.

tlis Bedroom and Study Lined With Sheet Armor.

(By Associated Press.) BEHLIN, March 22.-The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Cologne Volkes Zei-tung, under date of March 17th, forwards by mail news to the effect that there is evidence in St. Petersburg of the exist-

ence of plots against the authorities. He asserts that sums of money are being distributed to the factory hands in St. Pe tersburg and vicinity to induce them to join the disaffected students. The secret police no longer trust even the highest entourage of the Czar. New

precautions for the protection of the Czar's life have been taken, namely, a mechanism which allows no one to open the doors of the room in which the Czar

happens at the moment to be.

The Czar now has five desks in his study, which he uses one after the other. The walls of the Czar's study and bed-

room are lined with sheet armor.

The Berlinger Tagbiatt prints a special dispatch from St. Petersburg to the effect that the Karpovitch investigation has revealed a great plot with ramifacations extending to the lowest strata of society. The plan was to make an attempt on the life of the Czar, who was thereupon, removed to Gatchina. Eighteen students are closely confined at Schlusselberg because they were affiliated with the murder of M. Bogoliepff.

## Another Taken In.

(Br Associated Press.) CARNEGIE, PA., March 22.—Another addition was made to the United States Steel Corporation to-day by the absorption of the American Sheet Steel Com pany, of Carnegic, Pa. The transfer will not take place until April 1st, after which the trust will assume control, and it is said will make many additions and improvements and double the output and working force.

#### May Squeeze Ribs. (By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILLS., March 22.—Rumors were rife on the Board of Trade to-day that Armour interests were engineering a deal in May ribs that bids fair to pro-duce broader results than the persistently reported "squeeze" in May pork.

During the day speculative interests that have centered about the market for hog products for several days, was diverted from pork and fastened on the big deal in ribs, which Armour & Company are credited with having under way.

#### Marriage a Foolish Trick.

(By Associated Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 20.-Dr. Edward T. Buck, son of Dudley Buck, the

composer, said to-night:
"It is true I was married to Louise Underhill at Asbury Park, August 16th, 1893. but that marriage was only a foolish trick. We never lived together afterward. I have not seen or heard from her for two years. I was divorced from her last October, or November, in Evansville, Ind. was married to Miss Daisy Deane, of Hoopeston, Ill., February 21st, 1991. That is all there is to the thing."

### Can Consolidation.

(By Associated Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 22.-The e plant of the Dugdale Can Com pany, with an annual capacity of 25,000, 000 cans, was to-day transferred to th American Can Company, of New York which has a capital of \$80,000,000. This completes the consolidation of all the large tin can manufacturing concerns of

# AFFAIRS SERIOUS IN MARSEILLES

#### Eighteen Thousand Men are on Strike and Clashes With Military Occur Daily.

(By Associated Press.)
MARSHILLES, March 22.—The men employed on the street-car line in this city struck to-day, and only a few cars ar

struck to-day, and only a few cars are running. An attempt was made by the strikers to prevent the starting of any cars, but after a few fights the strikers were dispersed by the police. Late this afternoon the strikers at-tacked and wrecked two street-cars on the Cannebiere. The engineer and con-ductor were roughly handled. A detachment of gendarmes and hussars succeed-ed in rescuing the ngineer and conductor amid the hooting and stone-throwing of

Testerday's decision of the Council of the Labor Union and Labor Exchange in favor of a general strike and their issuance of an invitation of all unions to cease work has increased the gravity of the situation. The cabinet-workers, the locksmiths, the engineers, the caulkers, the oil-workers, the millers and the bak-

ers' unions have either struck already or will do so shortly. A corps of military bakers from the neighboring garrison is being organized to replace the bakers on strike. The pre-fect has conferred with the military commander regarding the course to adopt in view of the serious outlook. It is estimated that there are now 18,000 men out on strike, or thrown out of work on ac-

About 1.200 free laborers are working on the docks. They are strongly pro-tected by troops. count of the strike.

# DAILY SKIRMISHES.

Boers Avoid Pitched Battle With the British Forces.

(By Associated Press.)
CAPE TOWN, March 22.—The Boen raiders in the eastern part of Cape Colony are, with the exception of almost daily skirmishes, keeping out of the reach of the British. Colonel Scoville engaged Commandant Fouche and Com-mandant Malan near Blaakkrantz March 20th. Three British were killed and four wounded, and four Boers were killed. The number of Boers wounded has not been ascertained.

Commandant Kreitinger is marching steadily northward.

It is officially reported that General Dewet's commandos have been broken up for the present. This is probably to give the men a rest.

Gazette says that Paderewski, the pianist who is making a tour of Spain, received news yesterday of the death of his only

# ALL ARE READY FOR THE PRIMARY

Final Arrangements Were Made Last Night.

### JUDGES AND CLERKS.

They are Named and Polling Places Selected.

MONTAGUE SPEAKS TO-NIGHT.

He Will Address the Newport News Democratic Club-Clay Ward Actives-Mr. Mullen Will Send His Answer to the Candidates To-Day.

> Live News in Politics.

The City Democratic Committee met at Murphy's Hotel last night and made final arrangements for holding the Constitutional Convention primary next Thursday. Polling places were selected for the several precincts, and the judges and clerks were named.

It was decided to appropriate \$1.50 for meals for the judges and clerks at each precinct on the day of the primary. The committee will meet at Old Market Hall at 9:30 o'clock Thursday night to receive the returns.

All registrars, judges and clerks whose names appear in the list printed below are requested to meet the ward supertary of the committee at Murphy's Hotel next Wednesday at 4:30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of receiving the tickets, books and other things. intendents and the chairman and secre ooks, and other things necessary to the canduct of the election on Thursday.

Treasurer Tyler will be in his office up

to noon to-day to receive the fees of those who desire to run as candidates for the convention in the primary. No one can enter the lists after that time. The following candidates have already The following candidates have already paid their fees and signed the pledge exacted by the committee: Messrs. Roy-all, Buford. Moore. Christian, Wise, Meredith. Pollard, Gordon, Curtis, and

Following is a list of the polling places selected and the names of the judges and

#### CLAY WARD.

CLAY WARD.

First Precinct—Main and Morris Streets—Judges, H. V. B. Moore and James Winston; clerk, A. L. Wilkinson.

Second Precinct—No. 700 West Broad Street—Judges, John H. Beveridge and Peter King; clerk, J. W. Percival.

Third Precinct—No. 26 West Broad Street—Judges, R. W. Larke and Fred. Carr; clerk, Herbert N. Francis.

Fourth Precinct—No. 421 South Pine Street—Judges, P. L. Wade and C. W. Carter; clerk, James Peters.

Fifth Precinct—Reservoir and Cary Streets—Judges, R. B. Walton and J. J. Martin; clerk, James Kitchen.

JACKSON WARD.

First Precinct—No. 729 Brook Avenue—Judges, Charles Nicholas and Pins Keller; clerk, A. Otto.

clerk, A. Otto. Second Precinct—No. 125 West Duval

Street-Juages, James Melton and A. Keith; clerk, Richard Powers. Third Precinct—Near 751 North Second Street-Judges, O. M. Gasser and Geo. E. Pollock; clerk, Felix Iardella.
Fourth Precinct-No. 600 North Seventeenth Street-Judges, W. P. Leaman and The Company of the Compan William Disney; clerk, Robert Wiley. JEFFERSON WARD.

First Presinct-No. 207 Governor Street First Presinct—ING. 201 Governor Greek

Judges, J. D. Lottier, Goodman Davis;
clerk, W. B. Tupman.
Second Precinct—Old Market Hall—
Judges, C. Manning, Jr., Abe Cohen; clerk, Sol Harrison.
Third Precinct—No. 3205 East Main
Street—Judges, Thomas P. Shea, Henry

Berry; clerk, C. H. Koss.
Fourth Precinct—No. 306 North Twenty-first Street—Judges, J. J. Lynch, James W. Gibbons; clerk, J. T. Allen.
MADISON WARD.

First Precinct—Sanger Hall, No. 311
North Seventh Street—Judges, Thomas
Boudar, Clifton Lee; clerk, J. Samuel

Second Precinct-No. 408 North Eighth Street-Judges, C. R. Johnson, T. N. O'Keefe; clerk, W. Fletcher Richardson. Third Precinct-No. 114 North Seventh Street-Judges, James P. Wood, W. W. Barnes: clerk, Samuel B. Frischkorn.

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Fourth Precinct—No. 701 East Cary
Street—Judges, T. W. Walsh, W. E.
Long; clerk, J. C. Noite.
MARSHALL WARD.
First Precinct—No. 2312 Lester Street—
Judges, R. A. Cavedo and J. F. Duffy;
clerk, James Nuchols.
Second Precinct—Corcoran Hall— Second Precinct—Corcoran Hall—Judges, P. J. Bagby and M. Taylor; clerk, J. P. Bowery.

Third Precinct—Masonic Hall—Judges, W. M. Williams and John Pitt; clerk,

M. E. Ramerell. MONROE WARD.

First Precinct—No. 4 South First Street, between Main and Cary Streets— Judges, A. W. Miller, Joseph Gerring; Street, between Main and Carbon Street, between Main and Carbon Gerring; clerk, J. J. Dollard.
Second Precinct—St. Albans Hall—No. 302 East Main Street—Judges, R. B. Snead, S. B. Jacobs; clerk, A. C. Small. Third Precinct—No. 6 West Broad Street—Judges, Andrew Kraus, Luther Martin; clerk, Henry Gersdorf.
Fourth Precinct—Billey's Stables, No. 407 North Third Street—Judges, R. M. Anderson, G. F. Mattern; clerk, Herman

Anderson, G. F. Mattern; clerk, Herman Uliman.
Fifth Precinct—No. 206 East Canal
Street—Judges, M. A. Allen, J. Kent
Rawley; clerk Morgan P. Robinson.

### AMONG THE POLITICIANS.

Attorney-General Montague Will Speak in Newport News To-Night.

Newport News 10-Night.

Attorney-General Montague will leave for Newport News this morning to attend the launching of the Korea. To-night, by special invitation, Mr. Montague will make an address at a meeting of the Newport News Democratic Club in one of the large public halls of that city. The club extended an invitation to Mr. Montague some time ago to address its members but his engagements were not such bers, but his engagements were not such as to permit him to accept then. He was notified yesterday that the club had arranged for a monster meeting to-night

The Clay Ward Actives will hold a pub-

lic meeting in the large room at Belvi-dere Hall to-night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of hearing those candidates for the Constitutional Convention was did not speak last Saturday night. President Henry L. Carter will preside, and he de-sires that there shall be a large atten-dance of members, as well as the public. dance of members, as well as the public, as this will be the last meeting of the club before the primary. The following candidates will make speeches, the others having been heard at the last meeting: Messrs. C. V. Meredith, Hill Montague, Virginius Newton, J. Garland Pollard, S. S. P. Patteson, R. Carter Scott and George D. Wise.

There was great activity among the candidates for the Constitutional Conven-tion yesterday. All the aspirants for the honors and many of their friends were out hustling for votes. The gubernatorial situation was rather quiet. Mr. Swanson and Senator Martin, who are waging a hot canvass in the interest of Mr. Swan-son, were both away and Attorney-Gen-eral Montague was busy in his office all day. Mr. Swanson went up to Washing-ton Thursday night and will not return until to-day or Sunday. When he gets back he and Senator Martin are expected to start the ball to rolling again and to keep it going until the convention meets

There was not much going on, politi-cally speaking, outside of the meeting of the City Democratic Committee last night

at Murphys.

Captain Warren S. Lurty was a prominent Republican who was registered there, while the Democratic contingent was represented by Messrs. George McD. Was represented by Messis, George McD.

Blake, of Louisa; W. A. Reinhart, of

Alleghany, and ex-Senator Thomas N.

Williams, of Mecklenburg, Mr. Blake said Mr. R. Lindsay Gordon would repre-sent his county in the Constitutional Con-vention, and that in his opinion Mr. Echols would get the delegates for Gov

The Lee Democratic and Social Club held a largely attended meeting at No. 1010 West Broad Street last night and heard several of the candidates for the Constitutional Convention give their views as to what changes should be made in the organic law of the State.

Mr. R. T. Davis was in the chair, and the ground listened to the speeches with the crowd listened to the speeches with

Mr W. H. Mullen, secretary of the Cen-tral Trades and Labor Council, said yesterday that his answer to the joint letter written the council by twelve of the can didates in reply to the questions asked by the council would be mailed early this morning. The letter will be a rather lengthy one, though Mr. Mullen declined to discuss its contents.

Inasmuch as the letter from the candidates was a joint one, his reply will be addressed to them jointly, and only one copy will be mailed.

City Sergeant J. F. Lawler, of Nor folk, writes The Times that in his recent interview given out here concerning the gubernatorial situation in his city, in which he said the delegation would be divided between Messrs. Montague and Swanson, he meant to convey the idea that this would be the case should Col. Marshall be dropped from the race, and that the solid vote of Norfolk would be for the Portsmouth candidate as long The reporter who took the interview un derstood, in a general way, that that was the position of Mr. Lawler, though that feature of the contest was not dis-

There is an interesting fight in progress for the Constitutional Convention in Rap-pahannock county. Mr. W. T. Yancey, chairman of the Democratic County Com mittee, is the only candidate before the primary to be held on the 23rd of April, and he will probably be chosen without pposition. But there is an independent bemocrat in the field in the person of Mr. F. Pendleton Carter, and he is said to be very popular. He was a gallant Confederate soldier, and has announced that he is opposed to any restriction of suffrage by the convention whatever.

was a hir campaign Hardin's Shop, in Henrico county, Thursday night. Speeches were made by Mr. Thomas W. Gardner, in favor of Mr. Joseph Bryan for the Constitutional Concention, and Capt. John Lamb and Mr.

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# The Sunday Times.

Sunday's Times will be a most interesting and complete newspaper. Careful efforts have been put forth to make it such an issue as will at tract all classes and conditions of people. First, the news, which is always given the preference. All the news that is worth reading will be gathered by a large force of writers, including members of The Times staff at home, special correspondents in Virginia, North Carolina and elsewhere, and attaches of the Associated Press. The local, State, general and foreign fields will be carefully covered while the markets, industrial affairs, real estate and commercial news, shipping, social and religious matters, the sporting world, the stage, and, in fact, every department of life will be given careful attention.

careful attention.

A special page of literary notes, fashions, book reviews and affairs of interest to women will be prepared with a view to interesting and instructing the fair sex.

SOME OF THE FEATURES.

There will be many special features contributed by writers of national reputation. These features will prove most interesting. Some of them will be: What Will the Constitution Profit the Whole People?
One First Lady of the Land Now Lives in Virginia.
Talk Among Republicans of the Next President, by Frank Tilford.
Brother of a United States Senator Has Killed Three Men.
Great Problems Confronting the Present Generation, by E. M. Knox. Interesting Career of Captain David C. Shanks, Who Made an Important Capture in the Philippines.
Gambling by the Smart Set in New York City, by Diedrich Knickerbocker. Advantages of Manual Training Schools Among Colored People.
Forthcoming General Methodist Missionary Conference in New Orleans. Interesting Communications on Important Subjects.

portant Subjects. News and Gossip from Across the Atlantic.

Monster Locomotives Used on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.
Cuban Independence and the United States, by Judge Lynde Harrison.
Revival of Interest in the Volunteer Militia.
Is Cleveland a Candidate for the Nort Presidency? by Julius Chambers

Is Cleveland a Candidate for the Next Presidency? by Julius Chambers. A Plea for Irishmen to Buy Weapons and Fight, by Michael Davitt, the Great Advocate of Home Rule. Strange Discovery Restores Hearing and the Power of Speech, by James

Died Within Hour After Drinking Cup of Coffee.

Body of Mrs. Matthews

Exhumed Yesterday.

DEATH SUSPICIOUS.

STOMACH WILL

BE SENT HERE

HER HUSBAND UNDER SUSPICION

Coroner's Jury Adjourned Pending Analysis of Stomach, Which Is to Be Made by Richmond Chemists-Testimony Was to Effect That Mr. Matthews Was Very Attentive to Sister of Dead Wife.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) SUFFOLK, VA., March 22.-Because she died under suspicious circumstances within an hour after having drank a cup of coffee four weeks ago from last Tuesday, the body of Mrs. Elizabeth Matthews, forty-five years old, was to-day disinterred by Nansemond county authorities, near Crittenden, twenty miles from Mrs. Matthews died in Isle of Wight, but the interment having been made in Nansemond, the digging up was

STOMACH TO BE ANALYZED.

After being in session four or five hours the jury adjourned for a few days pending result of the analysis of the stomach by Richmond chemists. The stomach was delivered to Sheriff Robert A. Edwards. of Isle of Wight, who will see that the nemists get it. Acting Coronor Charles

entrusted to officials of this county

Dr. Galt, the deceased's family physician was prevented from attending by illness. HUSBAND SUSPECTED.

Captain Henry Matthews, husband of the deceased, was present with his attorney, William A. Holland, but did not go on the stand. go on the stand.

Among the witnesses were a married daughter and two sons of Captain and Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Viola Barnes and J. T. and R. M. Matthews. The older son hired a detective to investigate the death.

Other witnesses were Mrs. Susie Sadler, Other witnesses were Mrs. Susie Sader, a. sister of Mrs. Mutthews, and of whom her husband is said to have been very fond; A. Hackney, Ernest Fulgham, Mrs. Sarah Matthews, Celia Mears, Martha Cowling and W. T. Spiers. A large crowd attended the inquisition.

Despite the month beneath earth Mrs. Matthews looked oute natural. Her sis-Matthews looked quite natural. Her sister, Mrs. Sadler, sat by her coffin and told the story of her death without shed-

ding a tear, so far as spectators saw. THE TESTIMONY. It was testified that Captain Matthews had been very attentive to Mrs. Sadler, and that his wife's life was insured for one thousand dollars. One of Captain Matthews' sons stated on the stand that nis father had said when talking of the

inquiry: "The investigation may show poiso but could she not have taken it herself?"
Dr. Galt, it is said, declined to sign Mrs.
Matthews' death certificate.
Dr. Eley to-day examined the lungs and

Dr. Eley to-day examined the langs and heart and found those organs in good condition. The only sentence Mrs. Matthews is said to have uttered after drinking the coffee, February 19th, was a request to Ernest Fulgham to raise her head. She died in convulsions.

### CONTROVERSY SETTLED.

The Plans Were Originated by Rosecrans Says Army Board.

(By Associated Fress.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—A controversy which has been pending in the War Department since 1891 has just been settled by a board of officers appointed in August last by Secretary Root, of which Major-General John R. Brooke was president.
General W. F. Smith has for ten years

persistently claimed that he and not General Rosecrans originated the plan by which the army of the Cumberland was relieved in October, 1863, by the opening of the river line of supplies from Chattanooga to Bridgeport by way of Brown's Ferry. The Chickamauga Park Commission in the legends accompanying its Atlas of the battles about Chattanooga set forth that this plan was

devised by General Rosecrans.
General Smith took issue with the commission and finally asked Secretary Root to refer the whole subject to a board of army officers. Secretary Root appointed as members of such board Major-General John R. Brooke, Colonel George L. Gillespie, Corps of Engineers, and Colonel M. V. Sheridan, assistant adintant-general.

After a visit to the theatre of opera-tions involved, an exhaustive study of the voluminous records in the case and a hearing of General Smith's case as presented both by himself and a distin-guished attorney, the board unanimously that the plan was devised by General Rosecrans, and not by General

Its conclusions have been officially ap-proved by the Secretary of War.

# TWO WERE KILLED.

Freight Trains in Head-On Collision in Florida.

(By Associated Press.)

PENSACOLA, FLA., March 22.—Engineer Tobe Green. of Monigomery, and his fireman were killed and twenty cars were wrecked in a head-on collision of freight trains half a mile north of Wilcox, on the Monigomery and Mobile Division of the Louisville and Nashville Road, this morning. Both engines were healty decreased. (By Associated Press.) ing. Both engines were badly damaged and several cars were smashed to splin-

## NAVAL OBSERVATORY.

Visitors to Meet, and May Recomment New Superintendent. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—Secretary Long has called a meeting of the Board of Visitors of the Naval Observa-Board of Visitors of the Natural Costroys of the State of St. Clair McKelway, of the Brooklyn Eagle; Professor William R. Harper, of the University of Chicago; Professor Edward G. Pickering, of Harvard University; Professor Asaph Hall,

Jr., of the University of Michigan; Professor Charles A. Young, of Princeton University, and Professor Ormond Stone, of the University of Virginia.

One of the objects of the proposed meeting is an examination of the Naval Observatory as respects the condition of billdings, instruments and apparatus, and the efficiency with which its scientific work is prosecuted. The board is also required to prepare and submit to the Secretary of the Navy regulations prescribing the scope of the astronomical and other researches.

It may also recommend a new superintendent.

### NEW VESSEL FOR OCEAN LINE.

Will Ply Between the Ports of New York and Savannah, Ga. (By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 22.—The Ocean Steamship Line has placed an order with the Reach Shipbuilding Company Chester, Pa., for a new steamship to run between here and Savannah. She will be 370 feet long, 50 feet beam, with a depth of hold 28 feet from the spar deck She will be of 3,500 gross tonnage with a 12-feet mean dract, coaded.
The new vessel will have accommodations for fifty passengers. She will

have a single screw and triple expan-sion engines and will have a speed of 12 knots.

#### HAVANA'S DEATH RATE.

It Is Steadily Decreasing Under American Control.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22 - A re port has been received at the War De-partment from General Wood showing that the death rate for the city of Havena for the month of February was 19.32 per 1,600, which is said to be below the average of most American cities. The death rate, it is stated, steadily de-

and this is taken as an indication of improved sanitary conditions.

#### THE NEW YORK AT GIBRALTAR. She Will Proceed to Tangier to Demand Set-

tlement of Claims. (By Associated Press.) GIBRALTAR, March 22.-The armored

cruiser New York arrived here to-day. She will proceed to Tangier to demand the settlement of claims of the United States Government against Morocco.

#### The Massachusetts Floated. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.-Navy Department officials were relieved of all apprehension concerning the big battleship Massachusetts, which ran aground in snip Massachusetts, which ran aground in Pensacola harbor while on her way out to sea yesterday morning, by the receipt of the following telegram from Captain Reisinger, the commandant of the Pensa-cola yard, dated Warrington, Fla., March

Massachusetts got off about 5 A. M., towed by Leonidas outside. Has joined the squadron, Sent lighters to her last night.

#### Large Capture of Cattle. (By Associated Press.)

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 22.—Military operations in the southeastern part of the Orange River Colony are progressing. Major Julian Byng has brought in 300 refugees, 16,000 cattle and 40,000 sheep from the Wepener and Smithfield districts. Colonel Bethune has sent in sev-enteen prisoners from Thaba N'chu. Three hundred prisoners are now camped

# SHOT AT ACTRESS; WOUNDEDESCORTS

#### Columbia College Student, Crazed by Morphine, Attempted to Kill ... Minnie Seligman.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 22.—A morphine-chazed admirer of Minnte Seligman, the actress, bought a box for himself at the Broadway Theatre for the first night of a new play last night, attracted the atention of everyone in the play-house by his demonstrations of infatuation with the actress, followed her to the Pabst

Rathskeller and shot five times at her and her escorts.

Alexander W. Dingwell, manager Jacob Litt's theatrical enterprises, and John D. Leffingwell, of the Broadway Theatre, were shot. Dingwell is in Kooseelt Hospital, with a wound in the back Leffingwell got a scratch in the left arm. One bullet went through the actress dress. The man was arrested and arraigned in Police Court, where he said he was Robert H. Moulton, a Columbia College student, of Springfield, Tenn. He was held in \$5,000 bail for further exam-

Moulton had morphine in tablets and Moulton had morphine in tables and in solution in his possession when taken to the station house. He claims he does not know what he was doing when he fired the shots.

Moulton said he was a user of morphine

and that he took a good deal of the drug yesterday. He said he remembers going to the Broadway Theatre and remembers the second act of the play there, but nothing more. He also remembers coming out, but asserts he does not remember anything that happened from that time until he found himself in the patrol

wagon.
After the proceedings in court were finished, a statement was given out at the Broadway Theatre to the effect that the woman who was with Dingwell and Lef-fingwell at the time of the shooting was Miss May Buckley, a member of the company now appearing at the Broadway Theatre. Miss Seligman said to reporters that she had not been in the Pabst at all

last night. It is claimed by the police that Moul-ton has supported himself for the past two years by swindling.

The accounts of the affair vary to a considerable degree. The most accredited version was that Miss May Buckley, with Mr. Dingwell, John D. Leffingwell and Mr. Dingwell, John D. Leffingwell and Miss Buckley's aunt, were seated in the Rathskeller, when Moulton, who had been drinking or partaking of morphine, or both, appeared before them and began to abuse the party and use profane language, his insults being directed largely toward the actress. His words were re-sented, and he whipped out a 32-calibre

revolver and began to discharge it. He fired five shots in all. The motive for the shooting is not very lear. It was believed at first that Moul-

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# JAPAN READY TO FIGHT RUSSIA

Determined to Resist the Secret Agreements

## WANTS FREE HANDS

It is Thought Other Powers Would Not Interfere.

PESSIMISTIC VIEW IN LONDON.

Grave Fears Entertained There That Japan and Russia Will Go to War-Terms of Russia's Agreement Have Not Been Made Public, and Alleged Modification May Be a Subterfuge.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 22.-The Foreign Office takes a pessimistic view of the immediate future in the far East, in spite of the settlement of the Tien Tsin Incident, and entertains grave fears that the relations between Japan and Russia may shortly reach the danger point.

Judging from information obtained in various official quarters in London, Japan has confided to at least some of the Powers her determination to oppose at all costs any secret agreements made beween Russia and China by which the former could secure territorial or other advantages. • The British have received no official

confirmation that the Japanese fleet is mobilizing, but it would not be surprised to learn that such were the facts. WANTS FREE HAND. A highly placed British official said to a representative of the Associated Press

"All Japan wants is a free hand against Russia. This she has got so far as England and Germany are concerned, and, I presume, so far as the United States Government is concerned; although I do not imagine for one moment that any of the Powers mentioned would be drawn into a war between Japan and Russia. If Japan sees nothing for it but to fight, she would have the moral support of ol jections committed to paper by at least two other Powers against secret treaties with China. That is all, but Japan seems to consider it sufficient to provide against

MAY BE SUBTERFUGE. Confirmation of the foregoing definition of the situation was afforded by the Sec-retary of the Japanese legation, who said

in the course of an interview: While rejoicing at the fact that England and Russia have reached a pacific settlement over the minor issue, the main question-the integrity of the Chinese Empire-remains unsettled. In re-sponse to pressure brought by Japan mon Russia, it was announced that Rusupon Russia, it was announced that Russia's secret treaties with China had been modified; but the terms have been withheld. Until we see the treaties, we will not be satisfied that the modification does not apply to the satisfied of words mostly, with does not consist of words merely, with; out any alteration in the spirit. In this contention we believe other Powers will

support us. It appears that Great Britain would be quite willing to refer the whole Manchurian matter to arbitration on the lines of The Hague Conference. The Tien Tsin siding affair is not considered important enough to be disposed of in this way, and it will immediately become a matter of diplomatic interchange be-tween St. Petersburg and London.

## HY STEEL TO COME BACK.

Famous Negro Convict Arrested in Bristol Will Serve Out His Term.

A telegram was received at the penitentiary from Bristol yesterday stating that Hy Steel, the noted negro criminal, who has served time, both in the penitentiary and the Central State Hospital, at Petersburg, and who escaped from the latter institution some months ago, had been recaptured and was confined in the jail at Bristol. Steel is the negro who was sentencet from Pocahontas last year for murder and given ten years in the penitentiary He became obstreperous there, and was He became obstreperous there, and was adjudged insane and sent to the hospita at Petersburg. He had a bad record there, and finally made his escape and went to North Carolina. He slipped over the Virginia line a short while ago and was arrested in Bristol, where he awaits the officers of the penitentiary, who will the officers of the pentennary, who will bring him back here next week to serve out his sentence of nearly nine years. Guard W. W. Lawson will leave for Nelson county to-morrow to bring Milton Wright (colored) to the penitentiary, he having recently been convicted of house-breaking and sentenced to three years.

## SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Local.

Large crowd to attend launching at Newport News.

The bakers' strike may be settled to-night.

Meeting of the City Democratic Com-

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mittee.
—Veterans talk about plans for the trip
to Memphis.
—Senator Quarles, of Wisconsin, talks
of Cuba and the Philippines. State.

-Body of Mrs. Matthews exhumed in Nansemond county because of suspicious circumstances in connection with her death.

death.

-Child killed by box-car in Roanoke.

-Church destroyed by fire in Danville.

-Montague club formed in Danville.

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-Ex-Governor Cameron may be candidate for Constitutional Convention. General.

-Man crazed by morphine in New York -Man crazed of the control of the co

-London opinion pessimistic as to east--- Crisis at Tien Tsin relieved by withdrawal of troops by both sides.

-- Strike situation in Marseilles by

roreign.

serious.

-Czar of Russia protected by sheet armor.

ton was suffering from a bad case of in-fatuation and jealousy either for Miss Puckley or for Miss Minnie Seligman, of Paderewski's Son Dead. ranged for a monster meeting tornight, and urged, if possible, to be present. The invitation stated that the City Democratic Committee, the City Council and the most prominent Democrats, as well as the rank and file, would be present. (By Associated Press.) LONDON, March 22.—The Pall Mall the same company, and that he mistook Read Sunday's Times.